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Mission Sunday Appeal

My dear Brethren:

In recent years the blight of Communism has closed certain countries to the missionary activity of the Church founded by Christ, the Church to which alone He gave the command, "To teach all nations." The vast expanse of China with its hundreds of millions of souls for whom Our Savior shed His redeeming Blood immediately comes to mind. No longer can priests and sisters who have dedicated their lives to the foreign missions enter China and the rest of the one-fourth of the globe controlled by the Communists. Nevertheless, there is no shortage of work to be done in other areas of the world to which these missionary priests and sisters now turn their attention. India, Japan, Africa, the Arctic regions, and even parts of South America will present a challenge, perhaps for centuries to come.

It may appear to some that the Church has suffered setbacks through the seemingly diabolical advance of Communism. But such so-called setbacks have been an old story to the Catholic Church for nineteen hundred years. The eventual victory of the Church through peaceful means has been a constant fulfillment of the promise that "the gates of hell will not prevail against it." The Mystical Body of Christ has never been without victories even in what seemed to be its darkest hours. The salvation of each soul entering eternity is another victory for the Church. The cruel persecution directed against the Church behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains has not been able to prevent these victories. As in the days of the Roman persecutions of ancient times, so today "the blood of Martyrs is the seed of Saints."

The Catholic Church will one day have its victory over Satan's latest ally, Communism. All Catholics of today are asked to share in that eventual victory. We are not to be merely spectators but participants in the battle against the forces of evil. Soldiers on the battlefield are not asked to contribute what they think they can spare toward the victory. They are asked to make great sacrifices.

Each year, on the third Sunday of October, we have Mission Sunday. A special collection is taken up in each parish. The proceeds are sent to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He gives the contributions of America to the Holy Father who distributes them to his missionary priests and sisters. In the special collection at all the Masses on Sunday, October 20, we do not ask you merely to be generous. We ask you to make a sacrifice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Statera

Bishop of Raleigh

RUSS BIVEN PLUMPS FOR CCD STUDY CLUBS TO PUT RELIGION IN DAY'S WORK

SCRANTON — Russ Biven of Wilmington, North Carolina, spoke at the Scranton, Pa., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Conference on Discussion Clubs as the one simple answer to the layman's need for deeper understanding of his religion.

Mr. Biven pointed out the all too obvious timidity of most laymen in the area of religious discussion. Notwithstanding 8, 12, and even 16 years of Catholic education, so many Catholics appear inadequate in doctrinal and moral issues, not to mention knowing the Catholic stand on social problems. To the question of "What's the answer?" Mr. Biven said:

"The answer to this question may be found in the Discussion way for busy men in a busy world. Club of the CCD, which is an easy. The discussion method provokes thought and promotes clear expression, frequently uncovers latent talent for leadership, and develops talent which is already recognized.

How do Discussion Clubs put religion to work? First of all, they give to the individual member a new meaning to his Faith and make him a particularly responsive instrument in the hands of God working through His Church. Discussion Clubs put religion to work in the community. They a-

rouse in the layman a realization of the value of group activity and show that we are more effective when we work with others. Discussion Clubs put religion to work in the home.

They point out the responsibility of parents in the upbringing of their children and instill in Catholic parents the full impact of the important mission it is their privilege and duty to perform in preparing the charges God has given them for future citizenship in heaven. Discussion Clubs put religion to work in the market place.

They inculcate in Catholics a clear understanding of Christian life and a practical knowledge of conditions in the modern world. They make the Catholic strong in the knowledge of his religion and fearless in the application of the truth of his religion in the conduct of his business and his relationship with his fellow men.

Let us all pray that this wholesome movement will continue to grow for God and for country."

Mr. Biven has just returned from two weeks in Europe where he attended the Congress of Lay Apostles in Rome as an official U. S. delegate of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

L'OSSERVATORE SAYS HOLY SEE DOES NOT OPPOSE SATELLITE

VATICAN CITY (NC)—L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, has published a front-page article noting that the Holy See is not opposed to the development of earth satellites.

The editorial was occasioned by a number of newspaper comments on an article in L'Osservatore della Domenica, a weekly paper published in Vatican City, which described the Soviet satellite as an instrument leading to greater powers of warlike destruction.

L'Osservatore Romano commented, if one wanted to find the Vatican's opinion on the satellite launching it could be found in a speech which His Holiness Pope Pius XII made in September 1956, to the Seventh Congress of the International Federation of Astronautics.

At that time the Pope was speaking on research leading to the conquest of interplanetary space and said:

"You must be aware, gentlemen, that a plan of such magnitude involves intellectual and moral considerations which cannot be overlooked, involving a certain concept of the world and of its finality.

The Lord Who has given the heart of man the desire for knowledge did not intend to put a limitation on these efforts when He said "Fill the earth and subdue it."

"He entrusted to man and offered to the human mind the whole of creation so that man might better understand ever more fully the greatness of the infinity of its Creator . . . This common interest of the whole of humanity for the peaceful conquest of the universe must help to make men constantly more conscious of the meaning of community and of solidarity, so that all may feel to a greater extent that they form part of the great family of God, of being sons of the same Father. . . .

"The most daring explorations of space will only help to introduce among men new ferments of division unless this progress proceeds on an equal footing inspired by a more conscientious moral meditation on its dedication to the higher interests of humanity."

Raleigh NCCLA Deanery Will Meet October 20

DURHAM — It was announced this week that the Raleigh Deanery of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association will meet here on Sunday, October 20 commencing at 3 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Immaculate Conception auditorium, Durham with Father Charles J. O'Connor as the host pastor.

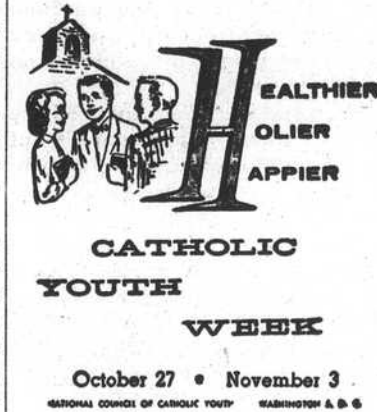
Invitations to the priests and laity of the parishes in this deanery have been issued and a sizeable representation is expected to attend. The meeting will also mark the election of new officers who will assume a responsible position in the framework of the Laymen's Association for the next two years.

The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart of Charlotte are expected to attend and address the gathering. Dr. Walter Kulash, State President of the NCCLA will speak on "The Laymen's Role in the NCCLA." Father Francis A. McCarthy of Southern Pines and Father James E. McSweeney of Washington, N. C., are expected to attend.

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5 MILLION CATHOLIC U. S. YOUTH WILL RENEW LOYALTY PLEDGE

Annual Observance of Catholic Youth Week is again scheduled for the week beginning with Sunday, October 27, Feast of Christ the King. This year the theme for Catholic Youth Week is summed up in the slogan "Healthier, Holier, Happier."



Young men and women of North Carolina will join with millions throughout the United States as they assist in the triumphant liturgy of the Mass of Christ the King, and march to the Banquet Table of the Lord. United, with unbroken ranks, some four thousand boys and girls of the Raleigh Diocese next Sunday will "go in to the altar of God, to God Who giveth joy to their youth."

Besides reception of the Sacraments in a body, the Catholic youth of the nation will dramatize their solidarity and their common goals by putting on programs and discussions which will point up the challenge to youth of the problems of our day. The shaping of the future world is in the hands of the youth of today. It is for Catholic young men and women to understand the meaning of their Faith in meeting and answering the gigantic problems of the changing world we live in.

Pope Pius XII, many Cardinals and Bishops in the United States fully bless and back the CYW observance.

President Eisenhower gave his full endorsement to Catholic Youth Week with this statement: "The seventh annual observance of National Catholic Youth Week presents an opportunity to strengthen the faith and work of all participants. The service of God and neighbor leads to the fulfillment of your theme: Healthier, Holier, Happier citizens."

Throughout the Diocese of Raleigh each parish has also been assigned a special week for daily Mass and Communion. Beginning on the Feast of the Kingship of Christ, some parish in the diocese will each week be honoring Christ the King through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of all youth. This chain of daily adoration will carry on until Pentecost, May 25, 1958, Feast of the Holy Spirit and the Church Militant.

Information on the proper observance of Christ the King Feast and Catholic Youth Week has gone out from the Youth Department of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. Additional details on suggested program can be had by writing to YOUTH DEPT., NCCLA, 412 South Franklin Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Queen's Visit Recalls Title Defensor Fidei

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12—The full title used in the official introduction of Queen Elizabeth of England during her U. S. visit (October 16-21) includes the term, "Defender of the Faith."

Her complete title reads: Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada of her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith."

The derivation of the royal title, "Defender of the Faith" is of peculiar interest to all Christians. Paradoxically as it may seem, it was originally granted by Pope Leo X to King Henry VIII, in October, 1521, in reward for a book he published attacking Martin Luther and his teachings.

Entitled the "Assertio Septem Sacramentorum," or "Defense of the Seven Sacraments," the volume so pleased the reigning pontiff, Pope Leo X, that he granted, in full Consistory, on October 26, 1521 the title of Fidei Defensor to England's Henry VIII. The papal bull (original now in the British Museum) conferring the title did not arrive in Britain until after Pope Leo X died. At Henry's request Pope Clement VII, on March 5, 1523, confirmed the grant of the title.

There is nothing in the wording of either bull to indicate that the title was to be in perpetuity or to be handed down to Henry's heirs (Continued on Page 8)

Winston Salem Senior Wins Poetry Prize

WINSTON-SALEM — Barbara McNulty, 17, a senior at Villa Marie-Anna Academy, recently won second place in the national poetry contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America.

"The Searcher" was the title of her poem. All poems entered in the competition had a religious theme. Barbara's entry was sponsored by Court Santa Maria 1700, Winston-Salem unit of the Catholic Daughters.

Mrs. Richard F. Scherer, Grand Regent of Court Santa Maria, presented a \$50 check to Barbara in recognition of her achievement. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McNulty of 1119 Martin St., Winston-Salem.



Miss Barbara McNulty